

I am writing to express my concern that the Indiana Telephone Privacy law will be diluted by the FCC. I am strongly opposed to any such measure. Prior to the Indiana Telephone Privacy law used to receive numerous daily phone calls into the evening from companies soliciting any number of products disrupting my family's calm. Often the products or services were of questionable authenticity and quality. The disruption at times prevented needed communication and usually the only way to get them off the line was to hang-up on them. Sometimes vindictive telemarketers would call back repeatedly just to harass after being turned away resulting in missed calls I needed due to the phone being tied up or a fear of answering my own phone. Politeness never paid off and as a result left a feeling of antagonism after many of the phone calls from telemarketers. I pay my phone bill to be able to communicate with those I choose. I do not pay my phone bill so that I can be harassed by telemarketers.

Now, I can answer my phone without fear or anger thanks to the Indiana Telephone Privacy law. Telemarketers have no right to my phone line. There are other avenues for legitimate companies to market their goods to individuals who really want them.

Do not dilute the Indiana Telephone Privacy law. It has been a very positive thing to improve the peacefulness of our home and the value of our phone service.